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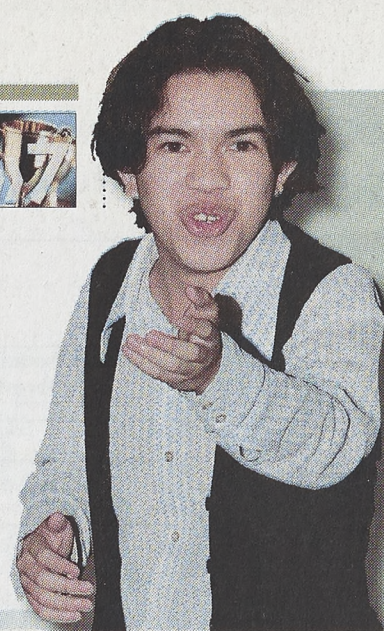
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New Perspective on Immigration Presented to Valley Students

Journalist Jeffery Kaye
spoke to a small audience
about his solutions to illegal
immigration.

CARL ROBINETTE
STAFF WRITER

An immigration lecture was presented at Valley College's Fireside Room by PBS correspondent Jeffery Kaye about the underlying causes of illegal immigration into the United States to a small audience of 10 people Saturday.

The lecture was based on some of the assertions made in Kaye's new book, "Moving Millions: How Coyote Capitalism Fuels Global Immigration." Kaye claimed that popular debate on immigration in the US and Europe focuses too much on legality and ethnicity, and ignores the "push and pull" factors at the root of the problem. These include globalization, failing economies on both sides of the border, and what he claims is a natural drive for people to move from one place to another.

"The fixation on legal issues doesn't get us very far as long as

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New Semester, Same Over- Crowded Classes

As if it isn't hard enough
to enroll in fall and spring
semesters just weeks before
the start of summer ses-
sion, all classes are already
full.

GIOVANNI GARCIA
STAFF WRITER

Students usually enroll in the summer to catch up or get ahead in studies, but with the economy down, Valley College is only able to offer one part of summer session making students compete with each other for a spot in class.

The summer session is scheduled from July 12 until Aug. 14, with 150 classes being offered. Only eight of those classes are non-credit classes. But all classes are now full, making the students show up the first day of class in hope of getting added.

"I searched other colleges and they're just like here, no more space for students. Now I have three months of doing nothing because I couldn't enroll in a class," said Valley student Melissa Fuentes.

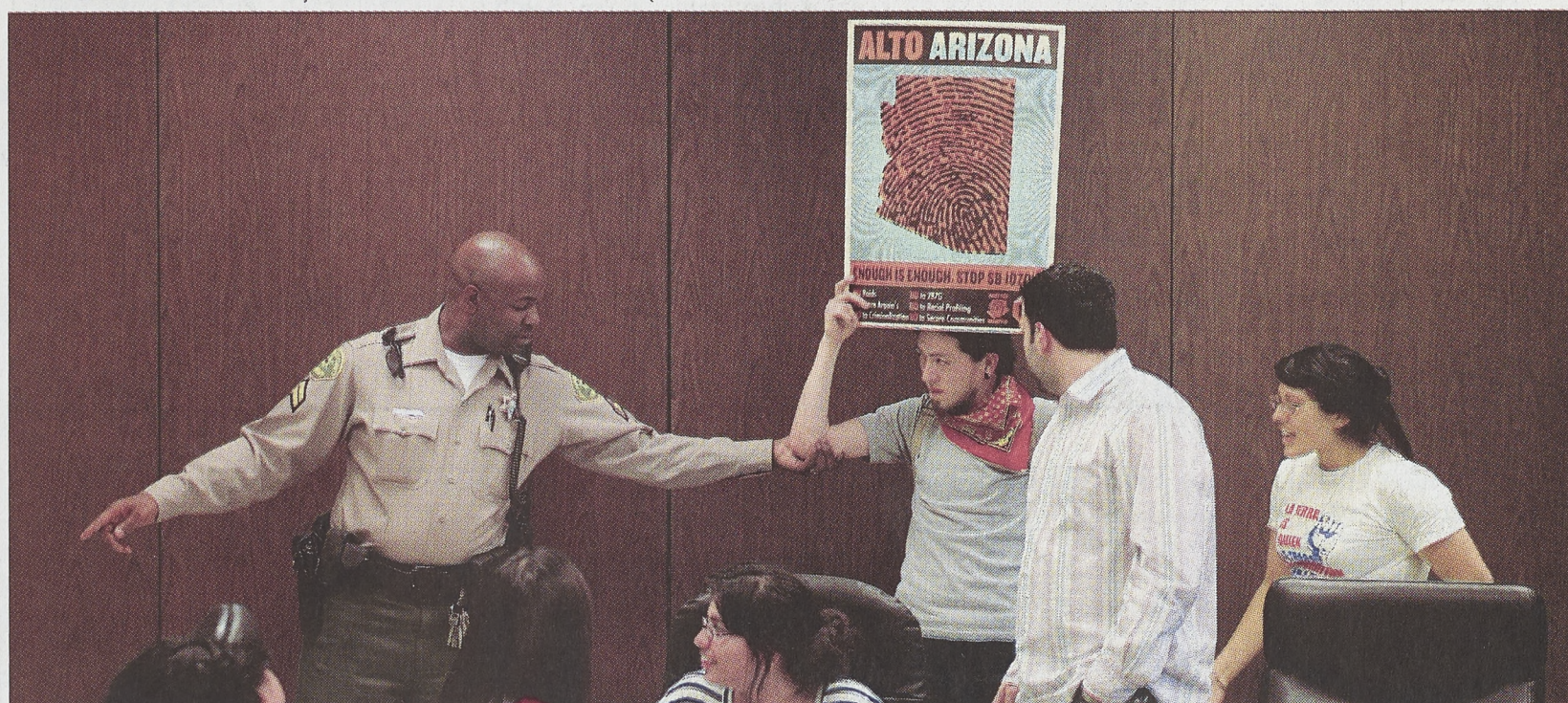
Valley had 11,500 students apply for the summer session but only 3,852 managed to get into a class.

Due to budget cuts, Valley is only able to offer the first part of summer session. "In this time, education is the door to opportunities, but with this economy the door is shut," said Dean of Enrollment Services Florentino Manzano.

The demand for classes has reached the point where Valley can no longer meet expectations. Fall semester doesn't begin until September, but already more than 10,000 students have already applied, students now have to enroll ahead of time to guarantee themselves a spot in class.

Students will have to search other colleges offering summer ses-

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ALTO SB 1070

ASU President Arthur Minasyan watches as Valley College student Xamuel Lara is taken out of the ASU meeting held yesterday on campus. Reportedly, Lara was protesting against the new Arizona Bill SB 1070 and interrupting the weekly meeting.

IN RETROSPECT: CONSTRUCTION, SEX TRIAL, AND BUDGET DEFICITS

As the semester
approaches its
close, we look
back at what
took place here
on campus.

LUCAS THOMPSON
MANAGING EDITOR

Budget

According to President Sue Carleo, the college deficit is currently under \$1 million. This was the administration's goal prior to the semester.

Committee

July 1 will mark the start of the new committee structure at Valley College. The new structure will consist of two separate co-councils.

Sex Trial

After many months of continuance in Richard Torquato's trial, the Psychology professor was sentenced to summary probation. The college, however, has not made it clear if he will return as an instructor this fall.

As the parking lots and walkways slowly empty from the surplus of students which populate the campus during the semester, construction continues, the budget deficit lingers, and Richard Torquato's status with Valley College is still unknown.

"We are ending this year with a deficit under a million dollars. This was our goal," Valley College President Sue Carleo said. "Our planning for 2010-11 is almost complete and our budget situation is not better than 2009-10."

Carleo confirmed earlier this semester that plans to combat the improving deficit would include fee hikes of \$30-\$50 per unit next semester. Though the president explains that cuts have already been made to classes, faculty, staff and categorical programs, the magnitude of the cuts and reductions will not be known until the final state budget is signed, most likely by the end of the summer.

Parallel to the cuts and class reductions, the administration has created the "Big Picture Committee," which is working on a massive restructuring of how the campus' committees relay information to the president. Amongst the restructuring the committee will also work to link planning with the budget, installing a new annual planning that will coincide with five-year budgeting for each program.

Construction on campus according to Carleo will be an ongoing project throughout the summer. There are two buildings,

the Student Services Complex, and Child Family Complex that will be ready for student use this fall. The next two buildings slated for completion are the Library and the Resource Center, which have at least one more year of construction prior to completion.

"The new projects funded by Measure J, are moving into the planning phase and committees will begin meeting to discuss the details," said Carleo.

As earlier reported by the Valley Star, Professor Richard Torquato, who was accused by a Valley student of several charges including sexual battery, was put on summary probation earlier this semester. His future with Valley is undecided. The administration, according to Carleo, is still investigating the situation to decide the future of the psychology professor and his position as an instructor.

The biggest focus of the administration at this point will be the committee restructuring. The new plan will instill two separate councils that will handle different aspects of the campus: one being the current state and budgeting of the campus, and the second focusing on future planning of each program.

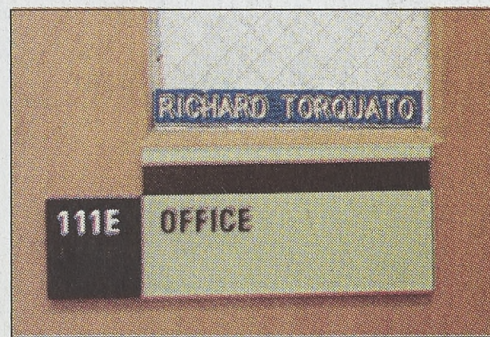
"Our new councils will be in operation and we will conduct a year of assessment on their effectiveness, with the expectations that fine tuning will be needed to make the complete transformation to a college that links planning and budgeting," said Carleo.



ANGELA BEACH | VALLEY STAR
TIGHT ROPE - The Student Service Complex and Child Family Complex buildings will be completed this summer.



SAMUEL OKSNER, PHOTO EDITOR | VALLEY STAR
WORKING IT OUT - Michelle Fowles discussed the restructuring of the Valley College committee system earlier this semester.



SAMUEL OKSNER, PHOTO EDITOR | VALLEY STAR
NOBODY HOME - Psychology Professor Richard Torquato's name plate still appears on his office door. The instructor has been placed on leave since several charges were brought against him the 2009 Fall semester.

Valley Art Students Show What They're Made Of

"Student Show 2010"
exhibits some of Valley
College's most prominent
student artists.

DAVID MOTTE
VALLEY LIFE EDITOR

Under the gray sky covering Valley College Tuesday evening, the art department hosted the opening of an exhibition of student-produced artwork called "Student Show 2010" in the on-campus art gallery which featured works done by both arts major and non-arts major students between 2009 and 2010.

Works of all mediums can be

seen on the gallery walls including digital photographs and prints, ceramics, and paintings done in oil, acrylic, and watercolor. Works by beginner art students sat alongside those of the more advanced, every piece demonstrating the proficiency of Valley's art department.

"This is special for us because it's about the students," said faculty member Phung Huynh. "The variety of art really shows off our program."

Upon entering the gallery and passing the jazz quartet, Signals, providing the music, the eye is immediately drawn to the far right wall where the acrylic paintings hang in colorful wonderment. Amongst

them were "After Christmas" by Wichai Manong, depicting a myriad of Christmas nutcrackers, and the more abstract "Strangle the Beast" by Jillian Frederick. Following the acrylic paintings to the back of the gallery brings one to some impressive digital photographs, including two untitled works by Jamie Bernal whose enigmatic appeal will keep one staring for an undisclosed amount of time.

Some very lifelike self-portraits hung on the walls as well, which caused many to see double when the artists stood by their own works. One such artist, Kerry O'Brian, was easily recognizable despite her cubist approach to her own face.

"I think this is fabulous," said O'Brian of the exhibit. "I'm a little overwhelmed by the quality of the art. It's kind of intimidating."

Close to 100 works of art are on display in the gallery, including 16 pieces segregated to the art building hallway due to lack of space, all of which handpicked by the art department faculty and spanning a wide range of disciplines in the visual arts.

"Student Show 2010" can be seen now through June 7, Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Valley's Art Gallery. The exhibit will also continue next semester from Aug. 30 to Sept. 9.

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PIGS on the Brink

European budget crisis
can affect the economy
at home.

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THE LOW DOWN... DECISIONS, DECISIONS

The importance of your vote.

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Every election the average voter is barraged by endless propaganda demanding that they say 'yes' or 'no' to any number of ballot measures, while remembering to vote for the "real republican or true liberal democrat." After months of brainwashing, the decision can be so difficult that many potential voters don't even bother.

"I'm a resident, but I don't have my citizenship, so I can't vote. But if I could vote, I wouldn't understand. It's so confusing and everyone tells you how to vote, even though you're confused," said Valley College ESL student Dora Fajardo.

According to the Hoover Institute, fewer than 50 percent of California's eligible voters participate in presidential elections. And less than 20 percent of voters participate in primary elections, even though the number of absentee ballots has doubled in the last 10 years. Though many issues on the primary elections' voting agenda hit close to home for Californians, historically voters are less interested in voting and seem to be less educated about the items to vote on, according to Ballot-access.org.

"I don't know anything about the ballots, or even where or when to vote," said Valley student Elizabeth Kuchakyan. "But I think voting is important."

During President Obama's election, a record number of people under the age of 30 turned out to vote, undoubtedly because of media and celebrity involvement demanding that the youth "Vote or Die." Many youth voters who would have ordinarily not voted or been aware of voting issues were approached via television, radio, and the Internet by a number of organizations in an effort to increase youth awareness of politics.

Today, a number of organizations proclaim their commitment to the youth vote. They include MTV's Rock the Vote, Declare Yourself, Young Voter PAC, WWE Smackdown Your Vote, and YouthVote USA. They contact eligible youth voters in the places they're most likely to haunt: fast food restaurants and social networking sites like Facebook and Myspace.

"I know I should vote and I'm registered 'cause of the DMV, but

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Tuesday, June 1 to Monday, June 7

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DAY CLASSES								
Day and Date Of Final Exam	MONDAY June 7			TUESDAY June 1				
Time of Exam	6:30 - 8:30am	9:30 - 11:30am	12:30 - 2:30pm	6:30 - 8:30am	9:30 - 11:30am	12:30 - 2:30pm		
Normal Class Schedule	6:30 - 7:55 MW	9:40 - 10:50 MTWTh	1:00 - 2:10 MTWTh	6:30 - 7:55 TTh	9:40 - 11:05 TTh	1:00 - 2:25 TTh		
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Time of Exam	8:00 - 10:00am	10:30 - 12:30am	1:00 - 3:00pm	8:00 - 10:00am	10:30am - 12:30pm	1:00 - 3:00pm		
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Th	Th June 3	4 - 6 pm	Th	Th June 3	4 - 6 pm	Th	Th June 3	7 - 9 pm
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COLUMN

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I just don't, I don't have time," said Vanessa R., a 20-year-old Valley student.

Knowledge is power and voting is your voice. Every person who makes time to vote, helps make changes in California, for our nation and our future.

California's primary election is June 8 and the last day to register to vote has passed, however another election is coming in November. For information on where and how to vote you can go to www.sos.ca.gov/elections.

CLASSES

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sion classes that are still adding. Just like Valley those colleges cannot promise any spots for students. "Students can still go to the classes and see if teachers have room to get an add card," said administrative assistant Victoria Stevenson.

Under its circumstance by the economy, Valley is trying to help students as much as they can during the summer session but many students are still left without a class. "Because of the economy we can't meet the demand," said Manzano.

VALLEY STAR CORRECTION

Last week, Issue 9, the Valley View section was inaccurately attributed to the wrong photographer. The correct photographer is Ricardo Varela.

An incorrect caption was printed for the top-right photo in last week's photo gallery. The dance shown in the photo is titled "Above and Beyonce" and the choreographer is named Mikaela David.

IMMIGRATION

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these push and pull factors are here," said Kaye.

He also discussed the history of immigration globally and within the US. The pattern in the US, according to Kaye, is to welcome immigrants in times of economic growth and force them out during financial slumps. This pattern in the US dates back to the birth of the country, according to Kaye, and continues today.

"The people who are crossing the borders today are no different

than those who have been doing it for eons," said Kaye. "It's a natural inclination for people to want to move to improve their lives."

Kaye said that increasing restriction on the border not only keeps people out, but it traps others in. The restrictions also tend to drive illegal immigrants further underground, and results in profit for human-smugglers known as coyotes. Kaye referred to this system of smugglers, employers of immigrants, and anyone else who profits from illegal immigration as "Coyote Capitalism."

The free event lasted about an

hour. Coffee and orange juice were offered and audience members were given a chance to express their views and ask questions.

"It was great," said political science major Marcos Perez. "What I like about the lecture is he puts a totally different perspective on the issue."

Kaye is an Emmy Award-winning journalist, who in addition to working for News Hour on PBS is a television producer, magazine reporter and radio reporter. The book was released in April of this year.

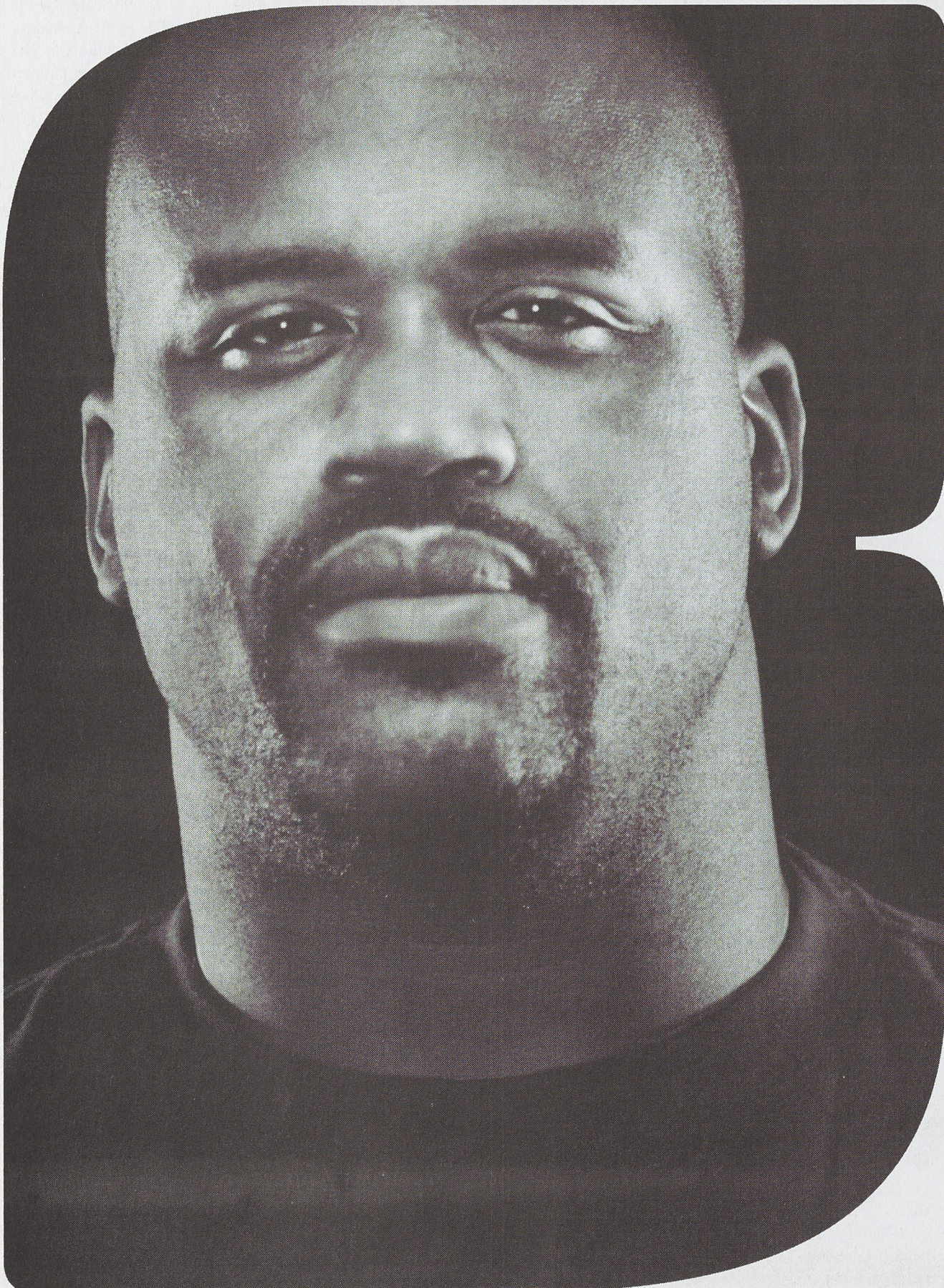


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OIL SPILL DUMPED ON CONSUMERS' LAP

BP executives are building a worse reputation for themselves as evidence piles up against them.

SUSAN MASHEVICH
STAFF WRITER

You don't need to be an environmentalist to understand what the consequences of a few million gallons of spilled crude oil could be. The recent British Petroleum oil spill is devastating wild life and the capital of the fishing industry in Louisiana, leaving many wondering why we even bother drilling offshore. Adding insult to injury is BP's refusal to take responsibility for the damage caused.

The leak has yet to be stopped and the spill, already approximately the size of Maryland, is estimated to need \$450 million worth of clean up and damage control. Basically, this is a complete disaster, and BP has the gall to question if they should be held responsible for the damage done by the recent record-breaking offshore oil spill.

As BP executives testified in front of senators, they were quick to pawn off the responsibility of the spill on the cementing process when the rig was built, and dangled around blaming their own equipment. BP has also been accused of "low-balling" their estimate that the spill is leaking 5,000 barrels or 210,000

gallons a day. Drawing even more suspicion, they refuse to let independent scientists perform their own measurements of the spill.

President Obama stated that the oil company will be responsible for cleaning up their own mess, yet many have taken an "I'll believe it when I see it," approach to that statement.

As CEOs mull over how to stop the leak offshore, people on shore are already feeling the effects. By the time the leak is fixed, there may not be enough time to deliberate who will pay for the clean up.

Once again it seems lack of oil regulation has run a muck. Drilling permits have long been handed out like candy to anyone who "promises" to be careful. Earlier this year, a BP America executive testified a leak was "highly unlikely." Today \$450 million is the price tag estimated by MSNBC to clean up the spill.

Uproars of banning offshore drilling are echoing through the West Coast, with coastal states like California and Oregon supporting the ban.

This massive spill is now being called the worst environmental disaster in the US in decades. The minuscule 2 percent of oil the US produces within the world economy begs the question of if it's even worth constantly threatening our ecosystems by drilling on our coasts.

The Rich Keep Getting Richer

The income tax between the mega-rich and the rest of us is growing, and the rich aren't paying their fair share.

KATE HOLZHAUER
STAFF WRITER

As most of us struggle to earn a living, especially while attending school, we are watching our standard of living get lower and lower. Meanwhile the mega-rich have been helping to widen the income gap by both making more money and paying less in income taxes. One would think that those who have benefitted the most by living out the American dream would have to give the most back to the country, but unfortunately, in recent years this hasn't been the case. It's time to return to the idea of the rich paying a larger share of their income in taxes than the rest of us. Tax the rich—they can afford it, they really can.

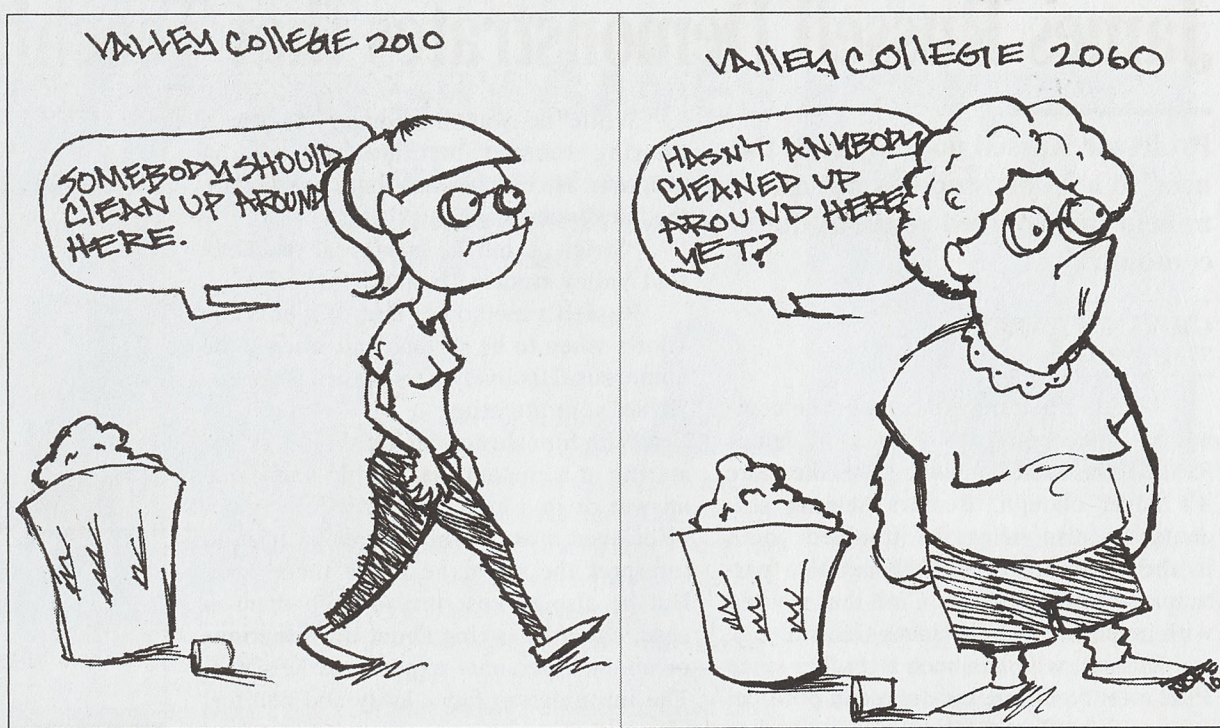
Just before the start of the current recession, the wealth gap between the mega rich and the rest of the population grew to its highest amount since 1928. The wealthiest 0.01 percent of U.S. families took in 976 times as much money as the bottom 90 percent of the U.S. population. Taxes for the financial elite have also been at some of the lowest levels since the late 1920s.

With the 100 million American families at the bottom 90 percent averaging \$34,000 per year in income in 2007, the top 15,000 families had to settle for an aver-

age of \$25.7 million per year. From 1990 to 2005, CEO pay has risen 298 percent and standard workers' pay has risen 4.3 percent, but minimum wage dropped 9.3 percent, adjusted for inflation. America's income gap is nearly twice as wide as the average for other industrialized nations.

While this data looks bad, the reality is actually much worse. Most of the facts listed above were taken from years that are prior to the latest recession where millions of average Americans are either unemployed or underemployed and their net worth is falling. Their houses are not worth what they were in the past, their retirement funds have taken a major hit and the savings rate is at its lowest point since the numbers were tracked in 1947. Meanwhile the richest 1 percent are living large and watching their investments on the rise as the stock market gradually recovers from the recession.

By being allowed to live the so-called American dream to its full, legendary potential, the wealthy in America have been able to go from living comfortably to living over the top. It is time that they start giving back to the country that has enabled them to become so wealthy in the first place. The largest beneficiaries of the Bush tax cuts were the top 1 percent of the population, not the millions and millions of us who actually need the break. It is time for that to change, to go back to the way things were in the 1950s and '60s, when the wealthy were taxed 60 percent, and the country's economy was significantly more stable than it is today.



CARL ROBINETTE | VALLEY STAR

VALLEY REPEATS ITSELF

Valley students and faculty repeat the not-so-good qualities of the college, and the Valley Star proves it.

LUCAS THOMPSON
MANAGING EDITOR

It's detestable. Walking through the campus dodging cigarette butts and potato chip bags as I try my best to elude the menacing squirrels which, at times, seem to follow my every move, is not something I look forward to every morning. The even more troubling part of this scenario is that these issues, which flood the campus, are nothing new.

"Hooray for the non-smoking policy! The only problem is, it is not enforced," a 1998 article from the Valley Star written by Deeanne McClain stated. "Does anyone really know where it's OK to smoke and not OK to smoke?"

The sad conclusion rests on two possibilities: humans will forever be a self-indulgent, selfish race who will throw their cigarette butts and Slurpee cups wherever they please, or the administration doesn't inform and enforce the so-called rules students and the college are to abide by.

"I think the campus could be cleaner if they let people not smoke," Valley student Paloma Gonzalez said. "Because that's all you see on the floor is the cigarette buds (and) Cheeto bags. It's up to the stu-

dents really, they can enforce as many rules as they want, but it doesn't mean we're gonna pay attention."

Regardless of where the blame lies, students need to be grown ups. Granted many of you are fresh out of high school, a land where mommy fed and dressed you every morning while you watched "Blues Clues." This is a college setting and college is business. If you can't find the nearest trashcan to throw away your lunch, how are you going to manage to hold down a real job? Even when asking, "Would you like fries with that?" at your future place of employment, you will need to be clean.

"The cafeteria was reported in compliance of the previously violated codes, however new problems were found in Tuesday's re-inspection," Linda E. Thomas reported in a 1997 issue of the Valley Star regarding a health agency's visit of the campus cafeteria.

The further problems were, according to Thomas, missing light diffusers and broken areas in the walls. At least we are not missing light diffusers these days, just quality food.

The repetition speaks for itself and is quite honestly, unacceptable. Apparently the methods used by the administration to enforce these rules have not worked in the past 60 years, but maybe they're still testing them out. Clearly the maturity level of the students on campus has not increased, nor their ability to find a trashcan (the round cylinder things on campus).

Internet Indiscretion

While the Internet can be a valuable tool for our studies, it also has the potential to ruin the lives of students.

KELLY DAVIS
OPINION EDITOR

With the number of Internet-related scams increasing every day, it would be hard to find a Valley College student who hasn't encountered some type of Internet hacking or scam attempt while surfing the vastness of cyber world.

Whether it's a phony e-mail from their bank claiming their account information needs to be updated, or their PayPal account password needs to be confirmed, or one of the most common, the Nigerian who has inherited millions and needs your account information so they can 'share' their fortune.

Just in case you aren't dumb enough to send your personal information to these cowardly culprits, these emails are often designed to link up to your e-mail account, enabling all your e-mails to be forwarded also to their address if you so much as open the e-mail or click

on anything. Either that or they will attach a big nasty virus to wreak havoc on your computer.

Not only are there cyber stalkers out to get you with every move you make, the Great Oz of the Internet land has made sure that every piece of information you put up on your Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, Twitter and Classmates pages is forever stored in the great Internet beyond.

Read the fine print. Facebook even discloses this in their terms of agreement saying, "By posting User Content to any part of the Site, you automatically grant ... to the Company an irrevocable, perpetual, non-exclusive, transferable, fully paid, worldwide license (with the right to sublicense) to use, copy, publicly perform, publicly display, reformat, translate, excerpt (in whole or in part) and distribute such User Content for any purpose ... You may remove your User Content from the Site at any time. If you choose to remove your User Content ... you acknowledge that the Company may retain archived copies of your User Content."

We complain about government invasions of privacy, yet we so bra-

zenly post any and every random thought that goes through our mind onto the an endless cyber wall for it to forever come back and haunt us later in life.

Students, remember this as you embark on your summer. While you may have countless hours of free time on your hands for surfing the Web, use discretion as you do so. The photos you ladies post of you making out with your best girlfriends and the shots you guys post of you passed out drunk with expletives written on your face may very well one day make it into the hands of potential employers. Watch what you say too. You wouldn't want anything to be misunderstood years down the road if you happen to be involved in some sort of criminal investigation.

Get it through your head that anything and everything you post on the Internet will remain there forever, potentially following you through life, sabotaging your future. If you retain one bit of information from this past semester, retain this: the Internet is not your friend. While you may find vast amounts of various types of comfort in your cyber affair with the Internet, it doesn't return the sentiment.

THE SIMPLE TRUTH...

COMMONLY SENSELESS

What used to be "common" sense is no longer the cure for the common idiot.

JAMIE NORRIED



It seems that common sense is a thing of the past, an oxymoron in fact, as sense is no longer "common." Cruise down the freeway, walk through a department store, or try talking to a customer service agent at any government-run facility, and you'll see human stupidity at its finest.

Stupid: lacking intelligence or common sense, dazed and unable to think clearly. Sounds like a description for the dozens of drivers I see backing up traffic while rubbernecking the scene of an accident, or walking around in the store while I'm trying to take care of errands.

Shaving, putting on makeup, texting or talking on the cell phone ... these are all things that should not be done while merging onto the freeway. You shouldn't be slowing down to mingle into traffic. You're in my way, and I'm trying to get to the store so I can trek through a barricade of unattended baby strollers on my way to the customer service desk, where I'm sure to engage in some kind of frustrating conversation.

Great. Another intellectually challenged police officer has given me a ticket for tinted windows. Even better, he spelled my name wrong because it's so hard to copy directly from my government-issued driver license. I guess an education is no longer required to work for the government. I'm glad my tax dollars are paying for this harassment while some guy's getting away with breaking into a car down the block. Now I'll have to go to court and stand in line with the other pinheads who got tickets for texting about the latest Kardashian episode while successfully running a red light. And based on my ticket's misinformation, I can look forward to everyone at the courthouse calling me "Hi-me." Awesome.

I guess I should call the bank to make sure I have enough money in my account, but I'll have to press zero to speak to a real person. Odd, this person sounds just like a machine. Don't try to ask them a question that's not in their script, independent thinking causes brain overload, and their head may explode.

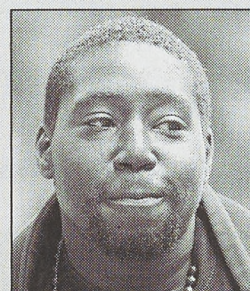
From dim-witted cops to mindless customer service agents, and careless pedestrians, society's most senseless can be found in all the public places where I need to go, and frankly, I'm sick of it.

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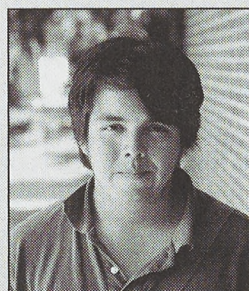
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- GEORGE TAYLOR
ON BIRTH CONTROL PILLS



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- STEVE SAGREDO
ON FANTASY SPRING BREAK



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- STEPHANIE RINEARSON
ON IMMIGRATION



"You think of sexual offender, you think of something bad. There's different types of sex offenders."

- CARLOS HERNANDEZ
ON SEX OFFENDERS



"I think it's fine, as long as we don't have to pay taxes on that, like if we have to pay extra fees on it."

- MARTIN DOHERTY
ON SENSIVITY TRAINING

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June 1 - June 7

Tuesday - Monday
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Committee Restructuring
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James Russell Demonstrates that Teaching Goes Beyond Classrooms

Professor Russell not only feels the need to help his students but also to help the troubled youth in the community.

GIOVANNI GARCIA
STAFF WRITER

Whether helping students or the community, according to Professor James Russell, the more someone gives the more it's never enough. Besides helping students, he also helps the troubled youth in the community. Russell has also participated in the Dinners Club that worked with juvenile gangs in South Central, LA.

Russell, who has been a teacher since 1982 after receiving his degree in political science from Northeastern University, has been teaching developmental communications here at Valley College since 2000.

"Community college students become more successful than four-year university students because they have to work twice as hard," said Russell. Success with his students is what makes it worthwhile for a man that devotes so much of his time when he doesn't need to.

While he was in Boston, he ran a tutoring summer institute and reading program. He emphasizes that students are the backbone of society.

"Strict ... but he is a great teacher," said Valley student Hamed Karimi.

Russell's method is that of a boss, he knows when to be serious and when to be humorous. His lively personality is sure to attract your attention.

With him shrugging his shoulders and staring at a student that should know that answer or in a high-pitched voice saying, "Not even close," when someone tries to interpret the poem he made them read. But he also makes sure to keep them at ease, either by joking about life situations or about a personal experience he's had. The intimidation fades away and comfort sets in.

"At first it's a little intimidating but it changes," said Valley student Shawnee Johnson.

Unlike other teachers, Russell gives out that personal connection to his students as he tries hard to help them achieve their goals. He is perhaps one of those teachers that students will never forget.



AT EASE - Professor Russell working out grades for his developmental communication class in Bungalow 46 on Monday, May 17.

FLAVORFUL FIVE

Five fun things to try this summer.

KATE HOLZHAUER
STAFF WRITER

Check out a food truck, or better yet, a food truck lot. The gourmet "mobile eatery" craze is going strong in L.A. You can get anything from the traditional ice cream and tacos to the unusual sushi and barbecue from trucks these days. For more bang for your buck, check out one of the many food truck lots, such as the weekly mobile food court near LAX or Abbot Kinney First Fridays in Venice.

Savor a frozen treat. Yes, it's all good to look nice in a swimsuit, but there's nothing like seriously digging into a melting ice cream confection to bring out the joy of the summer. Hunt down the Coolhaus ice cream truck for incredible ice cream sandwiches, check out Scoops near L.A. City College for more unusual flavors, or local favorite Gelato Bar in Studio City for good, classic gelato.

Enjoy dinner and a show. There are tons of free, or cheap, outdoor concerts and movies in the L.A. area. Grab a friend and a picnic (or your favorite take-out) and check out free shows at The Farmers Market at 3rd and Fairfax, The Getty, Culver City City Hall, and California Plaza in downtown LA. Movie fans should check out the movies playing at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery. While you can buy highly overpriced food at most of these places, it makes a lot more sense to grab something you know you'll like.

Eat at the beach. Having a picnic on the beach is fun until the wind kicks up and your sandwich winds up a little too sandy. Luckily, there are lots of good, cheap beachfront restaurants in LA where you can enjoy the view without the sand. Try Malibu Seafood in Malibu, or Patrick's Roadhouse in Santa Monica, or any of the good little restaurants along the Venice Beach Boardwalk.

Pay a visit to a local farmers market. As things heat up in the city, some of the best fruits and vegetables come into season. Going to the farmers market and cooking up whatever looks good (and there is a lot of perfectly ripe produce in the summer) is fun, but for those who can't cook, or who just don't want to, picking up a ton of flavorful raw fruits and vegetables and some already cooked food works just as well.

The Perfect Spot for a New Summer Look

Barbershop takes the old-time gentlemen's club into the 21st Century.

CARL ROBINETTE
STAFF WRITER

With summer right around the corner, many Valley College students are headed to the gym or shopping for new clothes to look their best for the beach, and one of the best ways to achieve that new look for the season is a haircut. The best place to get that haircut is Floyd's Barbershop.

Putting a fresh spin on the old fashioned barbershop, the first thing you notice when you walk into one of the many Floyd's locations is the music. Rock 'n' Roll blasts out

of speakers so loud you can hear it from the parking lot. Posters of rock legends like Hendrix and Cobain cover the walls and the staff looks like they should be a band themselves.

It isn't only ambiance that makes Floyd's the best spot for a trim. For \$25, they will give you a boutique quality haircut, a neck shave with a straight razor for men and the clincher—a shoulder rub. Prices go up depending on the amount of styling, or coloring you need, but they are comparatively low for the quality of work they give.

The straight razor takes the retro vibe too far. I have a problem allowing a girl with implants and hot pink hair to take a four inch blade to my neck, especially when the same blade was used on the guy before

me. They disinfect the razor but I still can't help but assume that the guy has Hepatitis or something worse. The shoulder rub usually doesn't last as long as one should, but try asking for a massage at Supercuts and see how far you get.

Some of the side perks are a great magazine selection and computers with Internet access so you can check your e-mail while you wait. Floyd's is also predominantly staffed by attractive women, which is never a bad thing.

Ladies, don't let the word "barbershop" turn you away. They deliver salon quality work, and are well trained in hip, modern looks. With locations in Studio City, Burbank, and Encino it is easy to find one close by.

Valley Students Get a Free Trip to Europe

Free Concert Wednesdays brings Europe to the Music Recital Room with vocal music from various countries.

DAVID MOTTE
VALLEY LIFE EDITOR

In today's economy, a trip to Europe isn't much of an option for any student. Valley College's foreign languages department brought the European experience to students in the Music Recital Room on Wednesday afternoon in a performance of vocal music from various countries entitled "Postcards from Europe."

As students entered the room, they were greeted by an Air France stewardess with a friendly "Bonjour" while a voice-over imitating airport announcements could be heard coming from the overhead monitors. Pictures of LAX were projected on a big screen as the lights went dim and when the departure for Air France flight 257 was announced, the vocal group rose out of the audience with their boarding passes and claimed the stage with the song "On the Road Again."

Upon arrival in Paris, France, one of the travelers meets a Parisian who introduces him to the city with the French song "Sou le Ciel de Paris" (Under the Paris Sky). Afterwards, the audience was taken to a café in Berlin, Germany where a waitress declared her love for the city with an exceptional performance of "Ich hab noch einen Koffer in Berlin" (I Still Have a Suitcase in Berlin) by Vicky Sanchez. An equally impressive performance was one by Luis Rafael Santiago as a postman in Sorrento, Italy singing "Torna a Surriento" (Come Back to



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SING YOUR HEART OUT - Singer Vicky Sanchez croons tenderly during last Wednesday's "Postcards From Europe" in the Music Recital Hall.

Sorrento).

After visits to Malaga, Naples, The British Isles, Toulouse, Hamburg, and then Granada, the time to go home inevitably arrived as our travelers reunited at the airport in a choral adieu to Europe with the song "California Here I Come."

"Postcards from Europe" featured a production value which was unmatched by any previous free concert at Valley. The PowerPoint projections of European scenery and stage props provided the much needed visuals for the complete travel simulation experience. Though the performers' obvious fluencies in their chosen languages were impressive, it seems that those singing or speaking in French had some difficulties nailing the accent.

With only a few weeks left in the semester, there won't be many more chances to catch a free concert at Valley. However, the music department will be presenting several performances before school's out, all of which can be viewed at www.lavc.edu/music.

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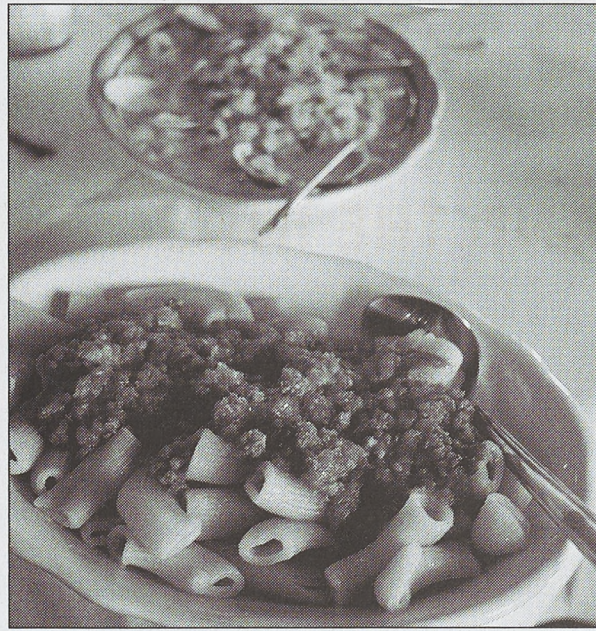
50-year-old Lido Pizza in Van Nuys serves up good pizza and amazing pasta in unexpected location.

KATE HOLZHAUER
STAFF WRITER

From the outside, Lido Pizza is just another pizza joint in a strip mall best described as sketchy. The strip mall on Victory Boulevard just east of Sepulveda Boulevard is tight on parking, but Lido Pizza is big on flavor, making the hunt for parking worth it even when patrons of neighboring bar, Carlitos Way, take over the tiny parking lot.

Stepping into Lido Pizza, it is as if time has been standing still since it opened in 1958. While small repairs have been made, Lido Pizza appears to be the classic red-sauce Italian joint featured in just about every mob movie—faux-leather booths and mood lighting create a simultaneously friendly and slightly depressing atmosphere.

The first thing to come to the table at Lido Pizza is of course the bread—in this case piping hot, crusty sourdough rolls that are so good that the diner doesn't get impatient while waiting for their entrée. The rolls and a bowl of the house's "Full Bodied Meat Sauce" could be a meal on their own, but at one of the few restaurants in the valley that does a good job with both pasta and pizza, living on bread alone proves to be impossible. As soon as a waiter sets down a pizza, with cheese still bubbling from the oven or one of Lido Pizza's freshly made pasta dishes, the rolls suddenly become less important. The menu at Lido Pizza is simple and small, and refreshingly unchanged in the 50+ years that it has been open. The two-page menu features pasta, and a few extras. The pizzas at Lido Pizza are fine, though a little expensive. They arrive at the table still bubbling hot, with a flavorful crust that, for the most part, stays crisp and holds up to the massive amount of cheese and toppings piled onto the pizza. While its name is all about the pizza, it is really the pasta at Lido Pizza that is outstanding. They make their own fresh egg noodles instead of using over-



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(ABOVE) MANGIA MANGIA - Lido's homemade pastas are served al dente with your choice of sauces such as the house meat sauce or combined with white clam sauce.

(BELOW) SAY CHEESE - Made to order and loaded with toppings, Lido pizzas are served fresh and hot to your table.



processed dry pasta, and cover them in simple, well balanced sauces. Everything from the easy-to-screw-up linguine with clams to classic spaghetti with meat sauce is beautifully cooked.

While the pizzas are pricey, it is well worth going into Lido Pizza for the reasonably priced pasta entrees or the even more reasonable all-you-can-eat pasta lunch or dinner, or for one of the Monday night specials where family style meals are served at easy-to-stomach prices.

TWO CENTS FROM SPENCE

SPY GAMES

Will Forte and Co. turn a 90-second sketch into 90-minute laugh riot.

JOSH SPENCE



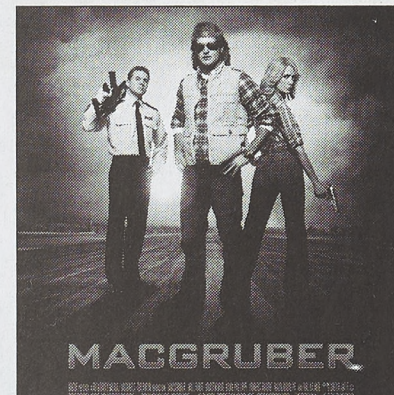
Having all the prerequisite explosions and mullets in place that make any action/adventure satire worth watching, "MacGruber" adds the one thing that separates the men from the boys: humor.

Adapted from the eponymous Saturday Night Live skit, MacGruber's essence is lifted from 1980s spy series like "MacGyver," "The A-Team" and "Mission: Impossible." While the satire is similar in format to "Tropic Thunder," the punch lines hit harder given the characters don't nudge and wink to the audience.

The plot is simple enough. Dieter Von Cunth (Val Kilmer), a philanthropist by day and terrorist by night, has stolen a nuke aimed for the White House and MacGruber is lured out of retirement to defeat his arch-nemesis.

Will Forte, a longtime standout on SNL, finally takes center stage in a star vehicle of his own. Serving as co-writer for "MacGruber," kudos goes to Forte for not only making a 90-minute film out of a minute-long skit watchable, but one that is consistently funny. Whether it's the ridiculous clothes, the partial nudity, or even the classic celerity-up-the-bum diversion, Forte's willingness to take that extra step of raunch for the laugh shows a deeply committed comedian willing to take a film from good to great.

Kilmer's performance as Cunth finally completes the actor's transformation as varied actor to playing strictly douchebags. While



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this typecasting would be a cause of concern or certain death knell for certain actors (Kristen Wiig), Kilmer plays the role so perfectly that one could expect a Val Kilmer renaissance similar to the Christopher Walken effect.

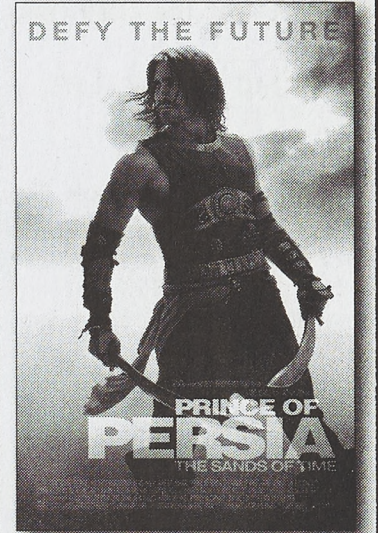
Wiig, as mentioned above, is slowly becoming a victim of typecasting. As Vicki St. Elmo, Wiig fails to add any sort of comedic dimension to her character. Wiig should take her knack for deadpan and utter fearlessness of awkward silence and parlay that into a character that isn't Penelope, the One Upper, or The Target Lady as seen on SNL.

"MacGruber" easily exceeds the media's low expectations with side-splitting comedy and has delivered one of the surprise hits of the early summer. Unfortunately this film is almost guaranteed to be overshadowed by Iron Man, Robin Hood, and Shrek. This is a shame considering this film, while not as mainstream as "Wayne's World" or iconic as "Coneheads," has a legitimate claim as SNL's funniest film yet. Look for the film to achieve early cult status and give it a visit if you're looking for an escape from Far Far Away.

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HALL OF FAME HONORS GREATNESS

The Valley College Hall of Fame Committee announced this year's inductees for the 2010 class.

GUADALUPE GONZALEZ
STAFF WRITER

Ten new names have been announced as inductees for this year's Valley College Athletic Hall of Fame class of 2010. Among this year's inductees are olympians, coaches, and entire teams who have displayed great success while at Valley College and beyond.

"I think it's very exciting, we have an amazing class of inductees this year," said Diedra Stark, athletic director and head of the Hall of Fame Committee.

This year's inductees are the 1984 men's gymnastics team, who

under Head Coach Gary Honjio placed second in the National Junior College Athletic Association Gymnastics Championships. The second team to be honored and inducted will be the 1988-89 women's basketball team, which had a perfect 12-0 season and won the Riverside and Merritt College Tournament and Western State Conference title.

Coaches to be inducted are Nick Giovinnazzo, who has coached three members in the LAVC Hall of Fame, and Al "Ace" Hunt who led a number of Valley tennis teams and the 1955 football team to conference and state championships.

Gymnast Larry Banner, baseball pitcher Jim Benedict, basketball player Jack Hirsch, and football player Paul Sabolic are also being inducted as well as track athletes Jim Estes and Nikywa Prevost.

"The Hall of Fame, in general,

I think is a marvelous thing in that it remembers the great athletes of the past and serves as inspiration of the athletes of the present," said Dale Beck, sports information director at Valley. "It's a marvelous institution."

Names of the inductees will be engraved on the Hall of Fame located in the Fireside Room in Monarch Hall and a banquet will be held in their honor June 26. The public can attend the banquet by contacting the LAVC Foundation office.

The Athletics Hall of Fame was established in 2005 by Chuck Ferrero, a former football coach and athletic director at Valley. Since then 39 athletes, coaches, and teams have been inducted.

"We're always proud to wear the green and gold and showcase some of those fine athletes," Beck said.

AND THE INDUCTEES ARE:

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1984 MEN'S GYMNASTIC TEAM

1988-89 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

LARRY BANNER (1955-56)

JIM BENEDICT (1981-82)

JIM ESTES (1967-69)

NICK GIOVINAZZO (1963-1985)

JACK HIRSH (1959-1961)

ACE HUNT (1951-1975)

NIKYWA PREVOST (1989-90)

PAUL SABOLIC (1966-67)

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Read more about the inductees at lavc.edu/Athletics/inductees.html

ANALYZE THIS

FENWICK BRINGS HOPE

Preparing for his second season back as head football coach, Fenwick works on recruiting.

LUCAS THOMPSON



Sitting in his office, the reserved and somber nature of Valley College Head Football Coach Jim Fenwick is enough to make you feel comfortable while successfully keeping you on the edge of your seat. His words are carefully chosen and none of them are wasted. Returning for his second season, after a hiatus from 1997-2008, Fenwick will now have to carefully choose his players, or take what he can get.

"The problem with the recruiting at the junior college level is that you don't know until they show up in August," Fenwick said. "It's just a constant turnover ... It's like a river and then all of a sudden we're gonna hit the dam in August and that's who we got."

Fenwick took over as head football coach last season, replacing Jimmy Simms. The return marked his second tour at Valley as head coach, after a previous stint from 1991-96. His reputation speaks for itself as he took the team to four bowl games throughout his five years at Valley. The long-time coach has landed coaching jobs at several schools over the past decade, including Cal State Northridge, University of New Mexico, Eastern Oregon University, Occidental College, Miami of Ohio and Pierce College.

"I'm really excited to have the opportunity to be back at Valley," Fenwick said in an earlier interview with the Valley Star. "I'm a little bit cautious ... I hope we can live up to the expectations ... but I am excited about the challenges."

Despite a losing season and an embarrassing 41-10 loss in the team's final game of the season last year against Antelope Valley there is still hope for the struggling Monarchs. It comes in the form of Fenwick and his ability to recruit. He was unable to do so last season, but is currently in full swing of recruiting in hopes of building his program back to where it once was.

"We try to cover every school," Fenwick said of the surrounding high schools. "We have to try to at least touch (and) reach out to every school, but every school different years produces different players."

Notable transfers from last season include that of tight end Chase Leake to Fort Hayes State, wide receiver Brett Ackerman to Oregon State University, defensive back Evan Hairston to Whittier College, and center Erik Jusko to Fort Hayes State.

The Monarchs' first game will take place Sept. 4 against the East Los Angeles Huskies. Kick off is slated for 6 p.m. at Valley. An eager staff and head coach will look to this date as yet another test of the off-season work that has and will take place this summer. Camp begins Aug. 12. Currently the team is in spring class, weight training four days a week and running through drills on the field two days a week.

"We're trying to get new people involved to believe in what we're doing, to trust in what we're doing," Fenwick said. "We're trying to help the student athlete with their goals of transferring to a four year school like everybody else in the college ... our kids are no different, they just have a passion for the game of football."

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WORK ETHIC - A look at what Sam Arce sees during Monarch games. Arce is a dedicated student athlete at Valley.

WORKING ON AND OFF THE FIELD

Sam Arce doesn't use excuses when it comes to dealing with responsibility.

GIOVANNI GARCIA
STAFF WRITER

A student athlete represents someone that is dedicated, hard working and juggling life with school. Throw in a full-time night shift and you get Valley baseball catcher, Sam Arce.

Arce works the night shift at Gelson's Market in Hollywood, stocking merchandise until 12:30 a.m. four nights a week. Monday through Friday Arce is settled in class by 8 a.m. and is done with his final class at 12:45 p.m. Afterward, he goes to practice with the baseball team as the starting catcher. Arce had a batting average of .237,

had 22 assists and was the third most walked player on the team with 11.

He has been a full time student and on the baseball team for the past two years. This semester Arce took 14 units while he helped the Monarchs reach the playoffs earlier this season. With his hard work ethic, he is greatly respected by his teammates and coaches.

"He gets a lot of respect from the coaches and the players," Monarch baseball Head Coach Dave Mallas said.

According to Arce he is going to school to help further his future career in kinesiology, with a focus on physical therapy. Not only does he have the support of his team to keep him motivated to succeed, but his family also helps him stay focused. Whether its financial or just support, his family takes great

pride in how hard he works.

"My parents keep me motivated," Arce said. "I'm doing good in baseball and in school." Arce's hard effort on the field also carries over to his studies.

"Has great dedication and responsibility to family and the team ... tremendous worker on and off the field," Mallas said.

Arce is a great inspirational story to any student that feels they cannot juggle school and work. He represents what a student athlete should be. While most athletes concentrate on their sport, Arce is making sure that just as much effort is put into his studies.

Even with all the praise he gets from his teammates and family, Arce remains humble and focused on what his future has in hand for him. As Arce said, "It's worth it."

WATKINS PREPS FOR THE COMING SEASON

The women's soccer team prepares for a competitive season this coming fall.

IVAN ZUNIGA
STAFF WRITER

As the women's soccer team approaches the beginning of the new season, returning players will be the main focus of the team.

Head Coach Shane Watkins has been here at Valley College for four years. This season with 11 returning players, Watkins is motivated to make sure everyone on the team stays eligible.

"The biggest thing we're working on this season is making sure we have as many returns as possible," Watkins said. "That means keeping them eligible and making sure they keep getting good grades in class, that's primarily what our focus is right now—trying to add to the talent to where we were and we should be in good shape."

Last season the women's soccer team had their good and bad experiences during each game that made them improve to the level that they are at now. The first game of the season against Taft College the Monarchs lost 3-0. Later the team won their first match against Pasadena City College defeating them 2-1. Soon the team won two straight matches, defeating

Cal Lutheran, 3-0, and Mission College, 1-0. Near the end of the season the team lost 6 out the 14 games, ending the regular season with an overall record of 6-13-1 and a final conference record of 4-10.

"This upcoming season is going to be better than the last, we have a few good new freshmen that will help a lot and we will work hard in practice to show good results for fall season," said returning player Carolina Martinez. Losing the final game against Citrus College last season, the team was still able to win a couple games throughout the southern and northern division games.

Currently the team is practicing Monday and Wednesday from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The "practice" is a physical education course where the girls can work on soccer drills. Official practice does not begin until Aug. 12. Although half of the players are currently enrolled in the class, it is open to anyone. From there the team starts their practice over the summer until the season begins.

"With this large returning group I expect everyone to be more mature about being more punctual, self motivated," Watkins said. "So we're expecting positive results."

The Monarchs' first game of the season will take place Aug. 27 against Moorpark. Game time will be 7 p.m. at Monarch Stadium.



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MOVING FORWARD - Jay Werner instructs his team last season. Valley has now offered Glendale Coach Monica Hang the head coaching position.

GLENDALE COACH CONSIDERS POSITION

Women's basketball takes a new face at Valley College.

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After a season of losses, the Lady Monarchs are excited to play for prospective new coach, Monica Hang this fall.

"We're excited that we have great returning freshmen and a great sophomore squad coming back. We're looking forward to adding new freshmen and having a great season," Valley College Athletic Director Diedra Stark said.

Last season was bleak for the Lady Monarchs who ended the season with only nine wins and 16 losses. The team started the season with a loss, which left them struggling to regain its footing throughout the season. Though the latter half marked improvement, the Monarchs ended their season with

a loss to Santa Monica College for the second time in the season.

Valley faced several tough opponents last season and among them was the Glendale Community College Vaqueros, led by Head Coach Monica Hang. The Vaqueros lovingly refer to the time spent under Hang's basketball leadership as the "Hang Dynasty" and after five years at Glendale, the dynasty might be making its way over to Valley.

"It's not official yet, but we've offered her a full-time faculty job as well as a coaching position," Stark said. "We'll know sometime next week."

Twenty-nine-year-old Hang is a California native who played varsity basketball for Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra. As starting point guard, she led her team to three consecutive state championships and won several awards, including Almont League MVP. After leaving high school

she went on to earn her associate degree from Ventura College, and then transferred to Cumberland College in Kentucky on a full athletic scholarship. Hang earned a bachelor's degree in movement and leisure studies from Cumberland College in Kentucky in 2004. She received her master's degree in physical education with an emphasis in teaching from California State University, Los Angeles in 2006.

"She's got a lot of great ideas. I think the student athletes will really love her, she's so enthusiastic," Stark said.

The Valley athletic staff is looking forward to seeing a few familiar faces on the court as well as the new faces of the freshmen. Hopefully, according to Stark, among the sea of new faces is the face of Coach Hang, who is more than qualified to help turn the Lady Monarchs around in the 2010 season.